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**IN THE CLAIM**

Claims 24 and 25. (Canceled)

--15. (Thrice Amended) A method of forming a foamed composite building material, comprising:

(a) compounding

about one hundred parts [polymeric resin] polyvinylchloride;

about 68 parts to about 100 parts fiber per hundred parts [polymeric resin]

polyvinylchloride, and

about 1.0 to about 1.5 parts of a blowing agent per hundred parts of polymeric resin,

to form a compounded mixture;

(b) feeding said compounded mixture into an extruder to form a molten mixture; and

(c) extruding said molten mixture through a die;

wherein the foamed composite building material formed thereby has a specific gravity of about 1.07 g/cc or less;

wherein said foamed composite building material is capable of having a screw fastener countersunk therein without predrilling.--